

## DR. JONES MAKES GREAT TALK

### Successful Meeting in Interest Of Consolidated School Movement.

Good things come slowly but those who patiently waited at Looneys Creek Saturday were well rewarded, as is almost always the case when people patiently and persistently wait. The reward was the masterly address delivered by Dr. R. L. Jones, of Murfreesboro, president Middle Tennessee State Normal. His address was forceful, thorough, and bristling with solid ideas expressed tersely and epigrammatically.

The occasion was a special meeting in the nature of a school rally in the interest of the consolidation of the public schools now located at Hicks Chapel, Hickory Grove, Looneys Creek, Sulphur Springs, and the school at Sunnyside, comprising an independent district partly in Marion and partly in Sequatchie counties, as the people of that district so desire.

The meeting was well attended by representative people, who take a deep interest in their schools, and it now looks as if a modern brick building filled with modern school equipment will be erected before many months at a site to be selected which will be convenient to all, as much as is practical. In the event of the location of this school building the State of Tennessee will provide school wagons to transport the children to and from the school, to be operated, of course, by the people.

The meeting was not called to order until after dinner, tire trouble on their automobile delaying the speakers. The Looneys Creek people furnished the dinner and it was excellent. The high price of flour cut no figure and the Looneys Creek people have had the reputation in the past of not letting any strangers visit their community and go away hungry. This tradition they kept up to Saturday, and the viands were mighty good and plentiful. By the way we want to serve notice on aspiring young men that there are some pretty tolerable good looking young ladies over there and they seem to be excellent cooks. A word to the wise is sufficient. Invocation for the dinner was pronounced by Prof. J. J. Huggins, principal of the Marion County High School.

After dinner session was immediately taken up. The meeting was called to order by Dr. A. Tate, superintendent of the public schools, and the song "He'll Lead You There" rendered by a choir under direction of Prof. J. B. Tygart. This was followed by prayer by Prof. E. A. Ashburn, principal of the Whitwell Public School, who made a splendid appeal to the deity.

D. A. Tate then took the stand

for an address giving the object of the meeting. Referring to the school controversy which had raged in that section for years, Mr. Tate said he believed in rows if they would result in good to the cause of education. In concluding his remarks he introduced Dr. R. L. Jones, of Murfreesboro, as the speaker of the day and spoke very highly of his ability.

Dr. Jones prefaced his address with the statement that he had come to talk in the interest of the children. "The best community in the world," he said forcibly, "was the one that offered the most advantages for the growing man." The trend in the state, he said, was toward closer organization or centralization, and that our schools in our twentieth century depended upon our getting larger and broader in our ideas. Speaking about the influence of invention on the world he said that people no longer lived in a small community, one of limited horizon, but in the world. He dwelt upon this idea in vigorous language. Comparing churches and schools, he said you could rally around the schools but not around the churches, for the churches were divided into sects with varying opinions, but the school was the one idea, the improvement of children, and could promote the cause of education without any of the divisions of doctrine. Speaking for co-operation he recited the history of the cooperative creamery movement in the state, and showed how successful it was. The same success could be achieved in the cooperated or centralized school movement, where schools could be centralized to advantage. He showed conclusively the disadvantage a teacher labored under in attempting or being forced to attempt to teach fifty to sixty children thru eight grades, that the classes were too many for the hours in school, and that it was an impossibility to get results. His address was not all solid, brain-wearying discussion, but he showed a witty vein at times which shook his hearers in laughter. He got off several good stories illustrating points, and engaged in a witty combat with Prof. Tate in which each returned some hot shots. Dr. Jones has been State superintendent of Public Instruction, and filled the office very creditably. He has a firm grasp on the school wants of Tennessee, and is a man of high ideals. He is a big man physically, also, and stands a giant among his fellow men, and possesses a voice of singular power.

Dr. N. B. Moore, of Whitwell, was then introduced, who is president of the Whitwell Special School District. He spoke briefly on the utter impossibility of one teacher attempting to teach eight grades. Later he spoke strongly in favor of the consolidation idea.

Prof. J. J. Huggins, principal of the Marion County High School, then addressed the people. Prof. Huggins showed very plainly the poor results to be attained by a teacher in attempting to teach eight grades. He showed how impractical forty-minute periods were where eight grades were to be conducted in a school of thirty or forty during a six-hour school day. He spoke of the rushing of the children thru the grades as now resulting that the high school had to establish a preparatory two year term before pupils sent them as having passed the eighth grade were qualified to enter the high school. He believed the preparatory work should be done in the country school, and that the only way was to centralize the work and place



"Well, I reckon he will find out next November!"

competent teachers for each grade, and pursue a more thorough course of study.

Prof. Warden, principal of the South Pittsburg City School, and a graduate of the Middle Tennessee Normal, was also introduced and in a brief address endorsed the centralization movement as giving the teacher a better chance to teach.

W. H. Wilson, of South Pittsburg, a member of the high school board, spoke briefly for education, and the trend of his discourse was that centralization was the proper thing.

Prof. Tate made call for representatives of the different places concerned in the proposed changes to make known any objections. There seemed to be a good representation, and no objections raised. Robt. Holloway asked if the independent school district lying partly in Marion and Sequatchie counties would be forced to come into this arrangement. He was assured by Prof. Tate that they would not if they did not want to, but, he said, he felt sure they would make a great mistake if they did not come in. There are about 40 children on the Marion county side concerned, and 60 on the Sequatchie county side.

The matter is now in charge of the board of education or rather a committee selected from it. It was expected that this committee

would be present and take steps toward the carrying out of the proposition, but it was impossible for all of them to be present. The sentiment of the people now seems to be for consolidation, and very probably the schools of the Looneys Creek district in 1917 will all be taught in a commodious brick structure under an able corps of seven or eight teachers with "kid wagons" bringing merry groups of bright-faced lads and lasses back and forth to school instead of allowing them to tramp miles thru dust or mud as is the case now. This must result in increased efficiency in both teacher and pupil, and will lay the foundation stone for the longer term of school so greatly to be desired.

### Returned from Pleasant Trip.

Mrs. W. R. Thomas and Mrs. L. P. Brewer and children returned from Knoxville Saturday night about 6 o'clock. L. P. Brewer went after them in their Maxwell, accompanied by Shug Johnson, of Jasper. They broke a front spring going up. Coming back they ran out of gasoline seven miles above Chattanooga. They left Knoxville at 6:15 Saturday morning. It was 2 p. m. when at a point 7 miles from Chattanooga, their car grandly came to a stop, gasoline gone. A passing tourist gave them a couple of quarts of gasoline—and they entered Chattanooga triumphantly. It was a very pleasant trip, with these trifling inconveniences removed. At Evansville they took dinner in the yard of Rev. W. T. Evans, formerly pastor here, and held in high esteem. The country was very beautiful and the roads are being improved very fast, so that travelling was ideal.

## Hon. Jesse M. Littleton

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will address the voters of Marion county on the national issues on the following dates:

Friday, Oct. 13, at Opera House, Whitwell, 1:00 p. m.

Saturday, Oct. 14, Court House, Jasper, 1:30 p. m.

Saturday, Oct. 14, South Pittsburg, 7:30 p. m.

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### Dallas, Texas.

Special to the News.

Esteemed editor and readers: After being absent for some weeks, I will try to get in line again. I hardly know what to offer as an excuse. I have been out of the city the most of the time. A week ago last Monday I went to Arlington to visit the family of T. S. Bracken. I came back and was engaged in the hard task of doing nothing the rest of the week, and Wednesday, of this week, I went to Mesquite to the family of J. G. Payne. I have been having a splendid time. It seems that I have to be on the go the greater part of my time. I get so lonesome staying at home alone, no one to speak to. It goes pretty hard for one that has had a cheerful home for near 40 years to be left alone and have to live in restaurants and hotels, and this morning I received the cheerful information that it would cost me 33¢ more to eat in the future than it has in the past six months, a difference of about \$10 per month. I guess I will have to try to go to visiting more than I have to make income equal with expense. Two weeks ago the Loyal American Life Association elected me secretary and that gives me two lodges to look after and a membership of about 400 to collect from. It keeps me busy about ten days each month. The rest of the time I have at my own disposal.

I would love to say something about the Mexican situation but I cannot without using curse words and I do not like to do that. They are sending soldiers to the border yet to continue the farce. The cartoon in the last News was pretty good.

In a recent paper I see of the death of Dr. J. A. Walker, another good man gone. Dr. Walker has been a prominent man in Marion County for 40 years or more.

I see in the last paper a piece written or a notice of Dr. L. L. Janeway, an old time friend of my writer of days that are gone. I am glad to see him favorable spoken of, as I think he deserves it. No, "Bright Eyes," "Lone Star" has not lost his pen, but has given so much time to visiting friends and eating good things that I did not have time to use the old goose quill. You seem to be the only one to miss me. Thanks, will try to do better. I always look with interest for letters and am disappointed when I fail to see a good long piece from you.

Texas is in a pretty good condition. They have a pretty good cotton crop and an extra good price. A bale of cotton in the seed is bringing from \$100 to \$105. The farmer is it here this year. The majority of them are putting their money in the bank, preparing to stay out of debt next year. I am glad to see them laying up a little. Ready cash is the best friend that one can have.

I would love to have seen a good long letter from "Old Joe," but I suppose he has not got over that walking he had to do in Chattanooga that he told about a few weeks back.

I must quit, it being time for me to say lay me down to sleep, but no one to say it for me.

Our State fair opens one week from today and then we will have crowded streets for two weeks.

Best of wishes for the News and its many readers, especially the faithful writers.

### South Pittsburg.

Special to the News.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Landstreet entertained with a social Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Steffy and little daughter, Hilda, of Ft. Payne, Ala. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Jarrett, Mrs. Mattie Loveday, Misses Lizzie Ellis, Mary Lou Beene, Drucilla Loveday, Messrs. Harvie Raulston, Carl Beene, Talmage Loveday, John Peek, Dentzel Landstreet.

W. E. Catron, superintendent of the Aycock Hosiery Mills, has returned from an extended trip through Tennessee and Kentucky. While in Louisville he visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Crutchfield, formerly of Sequachee.

Misses Nellie Kirkpatrick and Gertrude McKeith visited at Sequachee last week.

Messrs. Jno. Peek and Morris Raulston have returned from a hunting trip on Battle Creek.

Miss Grace Pryor attended the singing Convention at Sequachee Sunday.

A singing school is being conducted at the Church of Christ by Orren Wynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garland were at Sequachee Sunday.

Miss Mae Williams was called to Whitwell Monday on account of the death of her sister in law, Mrs. Walter Williams.

Miss Fannie Raulston visited home-folks Saturday.

Miss Mary Payne visited friends in Raulston town Sunday.

### Eastland, Tenn.

Special to the News.

Dry weather is the order of the day, and people are taking advantage of it, and gathering in their hay and digging potatoes. Generally potatoes are just about half crop this year.

Mrs. Fannie Lockwood is on the sick list this week.

Charlie and Josie Girdley are visiting in Moberly today.

Lock and George Arnett, contractors, will start grading the road to the mines Monday.

Robert Page passed through town Sunday.

Homer Baumgardner and Dollie Riggs, of Clifty, were married last Tuesday. Esq. Billie Welch officiating.

M. L. Wilson attended county court at Sparta Monday.

Sheriff Alcorn was in this District Friday on official business.

L. L. Bohannon, of the South side of Caney Fork, was in town Friday.

The election day is drawing nigh, and candidates for representative are beginning to stir. The eight hour law is the issue of the day.

Frank Crawford, of Pikeville, was in Eastland Friday, with a load of syrup, and reports the sweet potato crop fine in the upper end of the valley.

Thomas and Oscar Cooley, of Bon Air, passed through the city this morning, going to Clifty.

Fred Lockwood has three very sick children today.

Milton Scarborough, of Erasmus, has moved to Eastland to take charge of the blacksmith shop.

Sam Scott and George Bice have the contract to build one hundred mine cars for this place.

Quill Little, store manager for this place, was in town Friday, taking in the situation. It is reported that goods will be placed in the store Monday. This place will be the leading place on the mountain in the near future. It is the best situated town and has the best water, a good Sunday school, and a fine day school is being taught by the Misses Moore, of Clifty, this year.

Emmet Stone and Harve Turner passed through the city Sunday.

Ed Roszell, head carpenter for the Bon Air Co., is building a new coal tip at this place. When finished it will be a model tip.

J. G.

### Ebenezer.

Special to the News.

Dry weather seems to be the order of the day here now.

W. B. Rogers and family, of near Sequachee, visited at H. H. Torbert's Sunday.

Levi Webb visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb, Sunday night.

Mrs. Ethel Hinch, of Bolivar, Ala., visited in our neighborhood the latter part of last week.

Arch Billingsley and wife and children spent the day at H. H. Torbert's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mell Webb and children visited relatives at Hoge's Crossing Sunday.

Miss Mabel Kelly visited her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Dickerson at Richard City Saturday and Sunday.

Sam Webb made a business trip to Richard City one day last week.

Misses Mary Lou and Kate Lambert made a short call at Miss Lele Webb's one day last week.

Mrs. J. L. Minter and Mrs. Carrie Minter visited Mrs. J. C. Lambert one day last week.

Henry Hancock and family of Hoge's Crossing, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hancock last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Lambert made a short call at her parent's, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb, one day last week.

Miss Mabel Kelly made a short call on Mrs. Mell Webb Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brewer were in Jasper shopping Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Webb were in South Pittsburg shopping Friday.

Mrs. Della Kelly visited her sister, Mrs. B. J. Lowman, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and baby spent the evening with H. H. Torbert Sunday.

Hope to hear from all the correspondents.

Jay Bird.

### Married.

Alton Turner and Miss Grace Dawson were married Sunday, the ceremony taking place on the Dixie Highway between here and Jasper.

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